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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Notice of Allowability mailed March 17, 2011, included the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants agree that the claims are patentable. However, Applicants take no position regarding patentability other than positions taken during prosecution to secure allowance of the claims. Therefore, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance should not be attributed to Applicants as an indication of the basis for Applicants' belief that the claims are patentable. To the extent that the Statement summarizes or paraphrases the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the meaning and scope of the claims depend on the actual language of the claims. Furthermore, to the extent that the Statement refers to only selected portions of a claim, Applicants point out that the claims may contain additional limitations other than the ones mentioned in the Statement, and that patentability is measured against a claim as a whole, not just selected limitations. Other limitations alone or in combination may provide distinguishing aspects over the prior art. To the extent that the Statement suggests that the mentioned limitations have any special

prominence, Applicants respectfully disagree. Finally, the dependent claims may include additional limitations that may also provide further reasons for patentability.

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